

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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RAISING OF DONATIONS BY IFRC
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of donations in cash raised during each of the years 2001-02 and 2002-03 by the International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC) ,Geneva through global appeals at the request of International Red Cross Society (IRCS) in support of its programmes of relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction for the Gujarat earthquake ;
- (b) whether the total amount so collected has been received by the IRCS;
- (c) if not, the amount received by the IRCS from the IFRC during each of the years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04;
- (d) the manner in which the difference between the amount collected by the IFRC and the amount released to the IRCS is accounted for;
- (e) whether the Union Government has been duly informed about this ; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR.ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (f) The national Headquarters of Indian Red Cross Society, New Delhi have informed that based on the assessment done by a team, International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies (IFRC&RCS), Geneva issued a situation report to support Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) to help the earthquake victims of Gujarat. IRCS is not aware of the funds raised by IFRC&RCS. As per the system of Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement, working advance was given to IRCS for Relief and Rehabilitation which was accounted for by IRCS, and then only the next instalment was transferred into IRCS's account. Red Cross Movement consisting of 181 National Societies throughout the world constitutes the International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies, whose headquarters are in Geneva. In times of calamity in any part of the world the Sister National Societies, International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies, and the International Committee of Red Cross are offered assistance by individuals, Governments and other donors which are processed and then are used in the area needing relief and rehabilitation. The amount received by the IRCS during the year 2001-02 to 2003-04 is as under:-

2001-2002	Rs.37943194/-
2002-2003	Rs.48899874/-
2003-2004	Rs.104828288/-

The Disaster Mitigation Committee, Finance Committee and the Managing Body of IRCS have approved all the Federation supported programmes and audited accounts have also been ratified by the Finance Committee and Managing Body. The Annual General Meeting of the Society took place on 13.10.2004 in which all the projects in Gujarat were dedicated to the nation by the President of the Indian Red Cross Society.